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Subject Re: Public Comment Stats-7/26

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A brief update on public comments for today -- The docket posted a few new mass mailing campaigns yesterday, but these campaigns have relatively modest numbers of submissions. The docket center estimates that after today our mass mailing count should be relatively stable for on-time comments. There are still approximately 2,000 comments not yet viewable on regulations.gov and there are additional comments sent via US Mail that are only now arriving in DC. After on-time comments have been processed the docket will turn their attention to late comments.

All of this is to say.....our numbers are stabilizing but we do not have everything yet. Given that our numbers are stabilizing, I will plan on providing a numbers update at next week's team meeting, unless people would prefer to have more frequent updates.

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BB assessment public comment status: As of the morning of 7/26/12, EPA has received at least 208,000 comment letters on the draft assessment. This includes 3,675 individual letters and 198,818 letters from nineteen different mass mailing campaigns. The thirteen mass mailing campaigns that support EPA have generated approximately 199,000 letters. The three campaigns not supportive of EPA have generated approximately 5,000 letters. The remaining mass mailer signed by 318 people requests a comment period extension.

External:

As of the morning of July 26, EPA has received at least 208,000 public comments on the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment. This number will increase as the EPA docket center continues to process public comments and make them publically available on regulations.gov.

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